

# Press Pictorial



**CIRCLING BETWEEN BLOCKS** is Beth Allingham, who attempts to complete ride around circle without hitting rows of parallel blocks which rim the circumference. Circle exam tests steering ability. —PRESS photos by Gordon Akers



**COMPLETING U TURN** in narrow lane is Christina Danneman. Maneuvering turn in limited space proved to be one of the most challenging tests offered students at the rodeo.

## Bicycle Rodeo

Second in a series of bicycle rodeos being conducted at elementary schools throughout Torrance took place recently at Sepulveda Elementary School.

Purpose of the rodeo is to test students' performance on a skills' course. Skills tested include: straight line riding, balancing at slow speed, circling, U-turns in a narrow lane, and weaving.

Students at Sepulveda School were tested by members of the PTA following a month of classroom study on bicycle safety. The classroom phase of the bicycle safety program involved instruction on "do's and don'ts" of bicycle riding, poster contests, films, discussions and written tests. In its second year as a citywide program, the bicycle rodeo is a combined effort of the Torrance Police Department, the Torrance Traffic Safety Council, the Torrance Unified School District, and the Torrance Council of Parents and Teachers. Assisting at rodeos at several schools are members of the Torrance Fire Department. Chairman of the Sepulveda event was Frank Dussel, safety chairman. Coordinating efforts were W. J. Clary, principal, and Officer Don Hartel, Torrance Police Department. Volunteers included: Mmes. Fred Cohenour, Walter Allingham, Lee Kolodzieszas, Robert Whitney, James Stadler, James Hoover, and Catherine Rupe.



**STRAIGHT LINE DRIVING** is also aimed at determining how well the student steers. Purpose of rodeo is to supplement classroom instruction on "do's and don'ts" of bicycle safety. Preceding event, teachers conduct discussions, show films, and promote poster contests to emphasize bicycle know-how. Pictured administering test is Mrs. Frederick Cohenour, recording secretary of Sepulveda PTA.



**CHECKING STOP WATCH** is Frank Dussel, Sepulveda PTA safety chairman, Dussel is timing students on ability to balance bike while driving at very slow speed.



**STUDENTS REGISTER** for bicycle rodeo performance test prior to testing skills on the obstacle course. Assisting them is Mrs. Lee Kolodzieszas.



**CONTROL AT MANEUVERING** is tested in weaving exam. Rider must weave in and out of a series of blocks laid out in a straight line without knocking over the blocks. Testing their weaving ability is Mrs. Walter Allingham, first vice-president of Sepulveda PTA. Rodeo at Sepulveda School is second in series being conducted at elementary schools throughout the Torrance Unified School District.



**RODEO IS OVER** for Danny Snider, who has completed obstacle course and proven his ability to put into practice the precepts of safe bicycle driving he has studied in the classroom for the past month.